

Old South Haven Presbyterian Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Anchored in Christ's Love

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NEWS

Pastor's Corner:

Pastor Tom Philipp

Becoming More Familiar With The Familiar



A long time friend asked me the other day if I planned to do any traveling this summer or fall. The person then referred to several of the countries I have visited in the past. They included Luxembourg, Germany, France, Switzerland, England, Italy, Greece, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Russia, Brazil and Peru. His memory was better than mine! I told him that I believe I am not up to those long distance trips any more, even though there are some places I would love to visit.

I told him that I have come to realize that I have not really taken in all that is there to be experienced right here on Long Island and in New York City and the surrounding area. I was very much impressed when on a day in the last week of June a walking tour was put together right here in the Hamlet of Brookhaven, and the number of people who did that walk which included a stop at Old South Haven Presbyterian Church where Richard Thomas spoke of the history of this congregation as well as giving descriptions of past and present facilities. For me it was an opportunity to become more familiar with the familiar.

In the days I served as Protestant Chaplain at C.W. Post, I often took small groups of international students to Manhattan where we would begin our walk of "The Apple" beginning at the World Trade Center then up to Chinatown and Little Italy, up Fifth Avenue to visit those luxury stores, and then to the bottom end of Central Park, then cross town, and down to Lincoln Center, Times Square and Chelsea. I realize there are landmarks at each of these locations that I have not really explored.

I realize there are many places here on Long Island that I have driven by on countless occasions but not really explored. And I confess I know practically nothing about Brooklyn with all of its beautiful houses of worship that I have never visited.

I am not given to recreation but I am given to recreation and trust that what I have suggested above will in fact help to re-create me. And what are you doing these summer months that will be of a re-creating dimension. I would love to hear about it.

Pastor Tom



THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PCUSA, JUNE 18-25

The 222nd General Assembly (see how old we are!) met in Portland, Oregon.

This body, made up of 594 commissioners, were acting for the 1,572,660 members and 9,642 churches of our denomination. The work wasn't easy, and involved careful deliberations. Early actions created a new day for our Church. For the first time in our history co-moderators were elected (a black woman and a white woman) and the election of J.



Herbert Nelson as the Stated Clerk of our denomination marks the first black serving in that office.

We have a new addition to our Book of

Confessions - the Confession of Belhar. It is the first of our confessions that comes from the global south. (Jason Neal, I am sure, will say we need to have a study group at OSHPC looking at the various confessions and statements of faith that make up our heritage). Much discussion has been taking place around the identity and purpose of the denomination, and the Assembly voted to create a 12 member "Way Forward Commission" to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies.

Once again the General assembly re-affirmed a two state solution for Israel-Palestine

This is only a brief summary of this year's actions.

BOARD OF DEACONS

Judith Bird, Chair

On Saturday, May 28, the church held a church fair with the Deacons participating in a yard sale and bake & food sale. All the donated goods were sold with most coming from church members as well as members of the Brookhaven community. Thanks to Jim Fuchs for his generous donation of yard sale items. A surprising total of \$1,000 was made at the fair.



The summer church picnic was held on Sunday, June 12 with many delicious foods accompanying the hot dogs and hamburgers. Children from the Sunday school helped with the setup.

The fall church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, directly after worship service. OSH will once again supply the hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a favorite salad, side dish or desert to share.

A Holiday Boutique will be planned as well. So think ahead for donations of Christmas and holiday items. And, of course, delicious baked items for our sale table.

Get well, birthday and sympathy cards were sent to both members and non-members. A donation of \$250 was given to South Country High School students for a benefit race to help the homeless in the Bellport/Brookhaven area.

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Sean Moran, Clerk

Hello all and happy summer. The session of Old South Haven continues to meet on the third Monday of most months. It is the duty of the session to tend to the business and life of Old South Haven. If you have any areas of concern, please let a member of the session know. Their names and numbers are located on the back of the bulletin.

Little Shelter Animal Shelter will be hosting their Annual Pet-A-Palpoolza on August 20 and 21. There will be games, raffles, Chinese auction, and many pets available for adoption. Little Shelter is located at 33 Warner Rd. in Huntington. The event will run from 9 to 5:00PM both days. Come out and adopt a new family member.

The 9/11 Walk of Remembrance will take place on September 4 starting at 9:30AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manhattan located at 135 W. 31 Street. The walk starts at 10:30AM after mass from the headquarters of FDNY Engine 1 / Ladder 24 and walks south along 7th Avenue to St. Peters RC Church at Barclay Street. The walk concludes approximately 1:30PM. I have done this walk for the last 2 years. It is a nice memorial for those who died that day and traces the footsteps of Fr. Mychael Judge as he made his way from

2015 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Nancy Best, Committee Chair

As you will see in the report of the Property and Finance Committee, a decision has been made to not proceed with the second phase of our paving project as we do not have the needed funds at this time. We do hope that we'll be able to finish the entire project in the near future, and we want you all to know that any further donations to this fund will be very gratefully received!



Again, on behalf of the Capital Campaign Fund Committee (John Deitz, Elizabeth Fuka, Pastor Tom Philipp, Irene Stahman), I want to thank all of you for your very generous donations.

PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kappy Tilney, Chair

Representatives of the Property & Finance Committee (Finance Committee) met with the 2015 Capital Campaign Committee to discuss the viability of proceeding with the second phase of the paving project. The projected costs of the second phase and the Finance Committee's concern about funding were discussed.



The upshot of the meeting resulted in the Finance Committee's recommendation to session that, at this time, the second phase of the paving project be held in abeyance.

The session accepted the recommendation and Palermo Paving was informed. Paving repairs were made to the north end of the driveway.

St. Francis to the area of Ground Zero that day.

The Presbytery of Long Island will have Presbytery Day at Westminster United Presbyterian Church at 109 Udall Road in West Islip. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. It will be on October 1. The event starts at 9:30AM and concludes around 3:30PM. Go to the Presbytery of Long Island Web site for more details.

The Rotary Club of Bellport will be having a charity Beer, Wine, and Food Tasting on Thursday August 18 from 7PM to 10PM at the Bellport Country Club located at 40 South Country Road in Bellport. Enjoy Beer, wine, food, live music and good people. One of the charities supported will be the Boys and Girls Club of Bellport. Tickets are \$40 before August 17 and \$45 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from a rotary member or on line at www.bellportrotary.com.



Josh Cohen 2016 Peacemaking Essay Contest Winner

On Sunday, June 26, we welcomed and congratulated Joshua Cohen, our 2016 Peacemaking Essay contest winner. Josh graduated from Bellport High School this last Spring and will be attending St. Joseph's College, where he plans to major in Political Science. He hopes to one day fight white collar crime. He is a resident of East Patchogue.

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Let's go back about 8 years; it was a warm summer night and, me only being about 10 years old at the time, was watching the Nickelodeon called "The Halo Awards." This was the first time I ever watched a Halo Award show, or any award show for that matter. I was really excited and remember thinking how amazing it could be if I won ten thousand dollars doing something good! About 30 minutes into watching, the award show surprised someone at their house with two ten thousand dollar checks, one for that person's organization or charity, and one for personal spending. (This by the way is how the show ran; the hosts would surprise the person who won the Halo Award at the house or charity event and present them with these two big checks.) Eventually, the host went this guy's house, probably about my age at the time, and I remember the award because he ran a small organization with his friends that would raise money, travel to Africa, and build soccer fields for the children who were too poor and were dangerously playing or wandering around with nothing fun or educational to do.

That was when something clicked in my head. I was truly astonished that someone that young could do something so amazing at such a young age all by himself. All I remember thinking for weeks after was "what could I do to win a Halo? I want to be like this guy and his friends!" At that point I started worrying because, if I was 10 and that guy on TV was only 18, that meant that I had 8 years to gain close friends and do something amazing like this guy did to win himself a Halo. I remember watching a clip of how he and his five friends would sit in his living room floor

while his mom made them snacks and they would just plan out how much money they had and where they would build a soccer field next. I saw a clip of them in Africa playing soccer with the little kids on their new soccer field and I will never forget how happy they were and thinking about how they don't have to kick around a can anymore on a dirt road because they had a real brand new soccer field.

This is why I created, with my friends, Haunting for a Cure. Haunting for a cure is a rising non-profit organization that is focused on making those less fortunate just a little bit happier. Children and families around the world are suffering from fatal medical conditions, and the exorbitant medical bills that come along with them. HFC is dedicated to donating funds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the center of the world's foremost research on these fatal diseases, in order to lessen that burden, as well as organizations around our community such as HELP Suffolk, a temporary housing facility for families in need in our community. The future of the world is our youth, and without our youth there will be no future. This is what we do at HFC and I'm proud to say that such a small moment of some guy on TV (whose name I can't even remember) had such a big impact on me and, ultimately, the 20 other staff members of Haunting for a Cure and over 70 volunteers.

When I look back at all we have accomplished over the past 6 years as an organization, it really amazes me to think that now, though I may not be on TV, or have a Halo, I am just like that guy I saw 10 years ago. I can say that I do something good for others that I really enjoy, something that is, and will be a big part of my life, and hopefully many others, throughout the years for a very long time.

**PRESBYTERY DAY
2016, SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 1**

Each year the
Presbytery of Long Island
holds a Presbytery Day.



The purpose is to bring members from the congregations together for a time of worship and to focus on a particular theme. This year the focus is on Stewardship in our congregations. The theme is "Generosity Rising: Lead a Stewardship Revolution". The leader will be Dr. Scott McKenzie who is a partner and Sr. Vice President with Horizons Stewardship. He has a PhD in "spiritual formation" from Duquesne University. He is co-author of a book with a very long title: "Climb Higher: Reaching New Heights in Giving and Discipleship and Bounty: Ten Ways to Increase Giving in Your Church." A second book bearing the title of Presbytery Day was released this past March.

Presbytery Day will be held at Westminster United Presbyterian Church, 109 Udall Road, West Islip from 9:30AM to 3:30PM. Fee is \$10 pre-registration or \$20 at the door. See Pastor Tom for more details.

RETURN OF "DIVALICOUS" FEATURING "THE THREE SOPRANOS"

On October 18, 2014, here at Old South Haven, Gina Haver, Ruthann Turekian, and Leslie Valentine formed: "The Three sopranos". In their premiere concert they offered us a program of duets, solos and trios from Opera, Broadway and the American Songbook. Since then these three very talented artists and their artistic director and pianist Daniel Ragone have offered programs at various venues on Long Island's North Shore. They are excited about returning to Old South Haven and we are excited about their return.



They will perform on Sunday, September 25 at 5:00PM. Admission will once again be a \$20 donation.

**NATIONAL CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE**

August 3-5, 2015

Pastor Tom once again attended the annual NCMA Conference which this year was held at Bentley University in Boston. As a campus minister, for over 40 years serving at various locations around New York State - Canton, Albany, Oswego, and then from 1972 until 2005 here on Long Island, in his retirement became a campus ministry "sage." In 2014, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of NCMA, the book titled "Campus Ministry Memoirs: The way it Was: 1964-2014" was published. It contains recollections and reflections of '50 Sages' including Pastor Tom's "40 Years and Going Strong".

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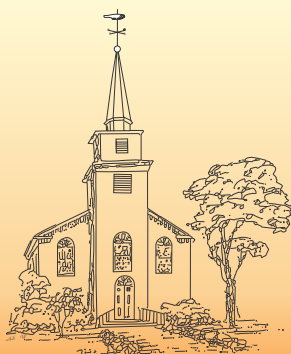
Jason Neal, Chair



A book study is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 at 4:00PM. The book entitled "Positively" by Jack Licitra is available for the purchase of \$10 in the gallery.



**Baptism of
Jack Annielo
Burgess
June 19, 2016**



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